

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Schrage et al.	Examiner:	Clemente, Robert
Serial No.:	10/549,872	Group Art Unit:	1797
Filed:	September 11, 2006	Docket No.:	758.1511USWO
Title:	IMPROVED PROCESS AND MATERIALS FOR COILING Z-FILTER MEDIA, AND/OR CLOSING FLUTES OF FILTER MEDIA; AND, PRODUCTS		

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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant's Representatives received a Notice of Non-Compliant Response from the PTO mailed June 23, 2010. The Notice was received in response to an electronically submitted Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment responsive to a Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2009. The RCE and Amendment were originally timely filed on June 22, 2010. Even though the Amendment was filed in response to a Final Office Action, it is understood that the deadline for responding to the Notice of Non-Compliant Response is July 23, 2010 because an RCE was filed with the Amendment. As such, this Communication and the attached resubmitted Amendment are considered as being timely filed on July 19, 2010.

The only issue raised in The Notice of Non-Compliant Response is a PTO position that the submitted Amendment was either incorrectly signed or unsigned. It is noted that Applicant's Representatives originally submitted the Amendment under the belief that the signature block complied with the clear intent of 37 C.F.R. §1.4(d), as the signature block was entirely readable. As such, Applicant's Representatives do not agree that the submission of the Amendment was invalid for not being signed or being incorrectly signed. However, a corrected Amendment is enclosed with this Communication that includes a fully compliant signature block. Specifically, the signature block now includes the signer's name in printed form immediately below the S-signature, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2)(iii).

No substantive changes have been made to the resubmitted Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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